

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of 24 October 2023

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/128 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to facilities, support, and/or follow-up provided to patients transferred to Mauritius for further treatment if there have been any recent changes thereof and, in the affirmative, to give details thereto?

B/129 The Second Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others:

Whether, in regard to the new services offered at La Ferme Area Health Centre, he will enlighten the House on the project, stating the objectives thereof, giving details as from when same are/will be operational?

B/130 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Child Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Foyer Marie Madeleine de la Croix of Baladirou, she will obtain information and state, for the benefit of the House, on if any incident recently occurred thereat and has been reported to the Police and, in the affirmative, indicate any new policy regarding the establishment as a result thereof?

B/131 The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the project of relocation of the stone crushing plant at Grand La Fouche Corail, he will inform the House where matters stand as at date?

B/132 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to applications for Earth Excavation Works for the construction of buildings, he will, for the benefit of the House state the:

- (a) clearances needed as prerequisites, and
- (b) control system in place to ensure compliance with the permits?

B/133 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Social Security and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Global Climate Change Alliance Plus (GCCA+), Climate-Smart Agriculture Project at Mt du Sable and Anse Ali, headed by his Commission, he will give details and inform the House on:

- (a) any progress of work made since July 2022 to date, and
- (b) the procurement procedures carried out, if any, and their outcome, together with the expected dates of completion thereof?

B/134 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the project of additional water production by desalination in Rodrigues, he will inform the House on:

- (a) the estimates for the capital expenditure cost of the project indicating the sites to be involved giving details as to the cost of all ancillary works required to be performed thereto;
- (b) if an analysis of all existing infrastructures has been made islandwise to maximise their use, and
- (c) the energy demand for the electricity requirement during peak hours for all the desalination plants, indicating the source therefor?

B/135 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to drilling of new boreholes at different sites in Rodrigues namely at Mt Piton, Araucaria, Champs, Mon Plaisir and Nassola as stated by the Executive Council meeting of Friday 01 September 2023, he will state to the House:

- (a) how the sites were identified;
- (b) if any investigations were carried out and, in the affirmative to table a copy of the recommendations thereof, and
- (c) if the impact on nearby ecosystem and downstream of the borehole sites has been assessed and, if yes, to table a copy of same?

B/136 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Labour and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the import/recruitment of foreign nationals to work in Rodrigues, he will obtain information and state, for the benefit of the House on:

- (a) if there has been any change in policy/procedures for the grant of work permits recently and, if in affirmative, since when, and to give details thereof, and
- (b) where matter stands as regards to any decision taken thereto?

B/137 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

To the Commissioner of Sports and others: -

Whether, in regard to the participation of Rodrigues as an entity of its own in the Indian Ocean Island Games, he will enlighten the House on the steps his Commission envisage to take with respect thereon?

B/138 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

To the Commissioner of Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to cash prize awarded to athletes by his Commission for outstanding performances, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the:

- (a) type of competition taken into account thereof;
- (b) eligibility criteria to benefit therefrom, and
- (c) name and number of athletes benefitting from same, if any, since March 2022 to date?

B/139 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the local market for eggs, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table:

- (a) the list of local producers together with their respective capacity of production;
- (b) the monthly number of eggs imported from Mauritius, if any, together with a breakdown per individual/company, and
- (c) to inform the House about the policy of his Commission regarding same?

B/140 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to onion production in Rodrigues, he will state to the House:

- (a) the expected harvest for this year,
- (b) if the Rodrigues Regional Assembly is providing a guaranteed market for the produce, in the affirmative, to give details thereof, and
- (c) any other facilities provided to the planters?

B/141 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the siltation of the lagoon, he will state on the work undertaken by his Commission since February 2022 to date, specifying the scope thereof, the number and the site of navigational channels and/or boat passes that has been desilted?

B/142 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Ex Mont Venus Hotel, he will state to the House, the planned future uses of the site and buildings and if cost and benefit analyses have been undertaken for alternative uses with a view to ensure the efficient use of public money?

B/143 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:

Whether, in regard to Sections 11A, 12, and 13 of the Education Act amended by way of Act No 12 of 2023, he will obtain information, as to where matter stands regarding the implementation of same in Rodrigues, giving details on the criteria for selection, the scheme of duties and the conditions attached to the recruitment among others, if any?

B/144 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Child Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the placement programme for Child Day Caregivers in Mauritius, she will obtain information and state to the House as to where matters stand with regard to Rodrigues as at date?

B/145 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:

Whether, in regard to the conversion of Agricultural Permits into leases, he will state to the House on the:

- (a) policy and procedures put in place thereof, and
- (b) number of leases and the extent of land awarded since February 2022 as at date?

B/146 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the digging of wells using machines by private and public entities in rivers and streams, uphill, he will state to the House on the policy and measures of control in force thereof?

B/147 The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the substantial increase in stray dogs, he will inform the House about the actions taken by his Commission to remedy the situation?

B/148 The Second Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner

Whether, in regard to the provision of water tanks under the Rain Water Harvesting Scheme, he will state to the House on the:

- (a) criteria for selection and the modalities set up to obtain same;
- (b) number of applications received;
- (c) number of successful beneficiaries so far, and
- (d) conditions attached thereto?

B/149 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

To ask the Commissioner of Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard, to the upgrading of Camp du Roi Stadium Phase 2, he will state and table where matters stand as at date, giving details on:

- (a) the total cost of the project;
- (b) when the contract was awarded;
- (c) the expected completion date, and
- (d) the scope of work?

B/150 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Commissioner of Sports and Others: -

Whether he is aware of the difficulties being met by the youth and sports community for the use of Le Chou College playground and, if yes, what measures his Commission is envisaging to remedy the situation?

B/151 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Child Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the prevalence of teenage pregnancy, she will: -

- (a) state and table on the statistics per age group for the past three years, and
- (b) provide the action taken since she is in office and the policy of her Commission regarding same?

B/152 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the funds which have been contracted/to be contracted from the Mauritius Investment Corporation Ltd (MIC) by the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation(RPUC), he will state to the House where matter stands, giving details as to any conditions attached, if any?

B/153 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Commissioner Social Security and Others: -

Whether, in regard to Social Aid and Unemployment Hardship Relief, he will, for the benefit of the House state and table the number of beneficiaries per category: -

- (a) for the month of September 2019 as at date respectively, and
- (b) whose allowances have been disallowed/discontinued, and reduced, respectively, from period July 2022 to date, and stating the reasons thereof?

B/154 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

To the Commissioner of Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of the stadium at Roche Bon Dieu, he will state and table on where matters stand as at date giving details on:

- (a) the total cost of the project;
- (b) when the contract was awarded;
- (c) the expected completion date, and
- (d) the scope of work thereof?

B/155 The Second Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of the access road at Pavé La Bonté, he will, for the benefit of the House state whether any contract/works order has been allocated since the start of the financial year 2023/2024 and, if yes, to state the:

- (a) scope of work;
- (b) value of the contract to be performed;
- (c) contract date, stating the start and completion date, and
- (d) item vote from which the works are to be paid?

B/156 The Second Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others.

Whether, in regard to the Medical Laboratory Technologists undergoing upgrading courses in Mauritius, he will enlighten the House on:

- (a) if the courses are relevant to their professional activities, and
- (b) the facilities, if any, provided to them and, in the negative, to state the reasons thereof?

B/157 The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fire Services and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the transfer of Rodriguan Firefighters on the establishment of Mauritius to the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, he will enlighten the House as to where matters stand as at date?

B/158 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the teaching of ‘Kreol Rodrige’ in primary schools, he will inform the House on: ‘

- (a) the number of pupils who will sit for ‘Kreole Rodrige’ at Primary School Achievement Certificate (PSAC) level for academic year 2023, and
- (b) if the students will be able to pursue the subject at secondary level for academic year 2024?

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Date: 20 October 2023